

Appl. No. 09/7 196
Response dated October 30, 2003
Reply to Office Action of October 7, 2003

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring election of one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. 121:

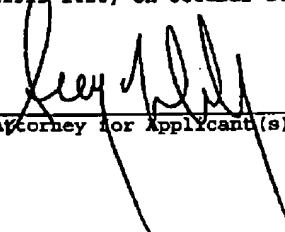
- a. Species I: figure 1;
- b. Species II: figure 6A; and
- c. Species III: figure 7.

Applicants hereby elect Species I. Applicants assert that Claims 1-10 and 12-30 read upon the elected Species I. Applicants further assert that Claims 1-6, 12-30 are generic for Species I, II, and III and that Claim 7 is generic to Species I and II.

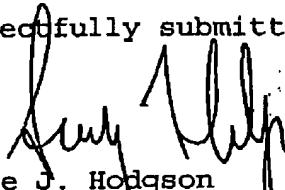
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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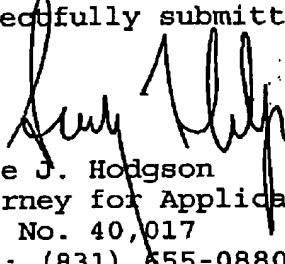


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